

# FORT SILL - CHIRICAHUA - WARM SPRINGS - APACHE TRIBE PHONE: (580) 588-2298 / 2314 • FAX: (580) 588-3133 TOLL FREE: 1-877-826-0726 43187 US Highway 281 • APACHE, OKLAHOMA 73006-8038

RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND ALL NON-GAMING ACTIVITIES OF THE EDA TRUSTEES AND TAKE OVER ALL NON-GAMING BANK ACCOUNTS AND NON-GAMING ASSETS PENDING INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF FINANCIAL MISMANAGMENT

## **RESOLUTION FSABC-2024-14**

- WHEREAS, the Fort Sill Chiricahua Warm Springs Apache Tribe (the "Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, and under its Tribal Constitution ratified on October 30, 1976, has full power to act for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Business Committee (the "Business Committee") has the duty and responsibility to represent the Tribe and act on all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe pursuant to Articles IV and VII of the Constitution of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Business Committee is a fiduciary of the Economic Development Authority ("EDA"), which includes the authority to approve the appointment and removal of members of the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 204 of the Economic Development Authority Act; and
- WHEREAS, the Business Committee has received information regarding the possible mismanagement of funds by the EDA Board of Trustees; and
- WHEREAS, it is the Business Committee's fiduciary duty as the body elect to protect the assets of the Tribe and its tribal citizenry; and
- WHEREAS, as the body elect, the Business Committee has the duty and responsibility to protect the public fisc; and
- WHEREAS, the Business Committee finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to take the actions necessary to protect the tribes' assets.
- WHEREAS, the EDA has the duty to continue to oversee gaming operations.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Sill Chiricahua Warm Springs Apache Tribe Business Committee, pursuant its fiduciary duties detailed in Articles IV and VII of the Constitution of the Tribe, does hereby approve and authorize the commencement of an internal investigation into the allegations of financial mismanagement by the Economic Development Authority Board of Trustees.

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- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Sill Chiricahua Warm Springs Apache Tribe Business Committee, pursuant its fiduciary duties detailed in Articles IV and VII of the Constitution of the Tribe, hereby suspends the Board of Trustees' ability to transact new non-gaming business on behalf of the Economic Development Authority and the Tribe effective immediately, including but not limited to the negotiation and execution of new non-gaming contracts, the purchase or sale of any non-gaming assets, or any other activity that requires the use of Economic Development Authority non-gaming funds or non-gaming assets. Where the Economic Development Authority is required to fulfill non-gaming obligations, or that require any use of EDA non-gaming funds or non-gaming assets, existing as of the date of this resolution, the Trustees are required to seek the approval of the Business Committee prior to any non-gaming related transaction.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Sill Chiricahua Warm Springs Apache Tribe Business Committee requires all Trustees to continue in their duties related to Gaming Operations.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Sill Chiricahua Warm Springs Apache Tribe Business Committee requires all Trustees to fully comply with and make themselves available for the aforementioned investigation of financial mismanagement.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Sill Chiricahua Warm Springs Apache Tribe Business Committee shall hereby take over all non-gaming bank accounts and non-gaming assets of the Economic Development Authority until further notice.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Sill Chiricahua Warm Springs Apache Tribal Business Committee Chairwoman, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all instruments and documentation, and to take any additional actions necessary or incidental to the fulfill the intent and purpose of this resolution.
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes FSABC-2024-13 in all regards.

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### CERTIFICATION

James Dempsey, Secretary-Treasurer

Fort Sill Apache Indian Tribe Business Committee

Jennifer Heminokeky, Chairwoman